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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiff,

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v.

. Docket No. CA 11-1303

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

. Washington, D.C. January 18, 2012

. 1:45 p.m.

Defendants.

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AFTERNOON SESSION - DAY 2
TRANSCRIPT OF MOTION HEARING PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE HONORABLE THOMAS B. GRIFFITH,
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE, and
HONORABLES ROSEMARY M. COLLYER and BERYL A. HOWELL,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGES

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- 04:37PM | politics, yes, sir.
- 04:37PM \angle Q. Okay. Judge Saucedo, I also want to clear something up
- 04:37PM $\,\,3\,$ with the Court. Mr. Downton, who had testified earlier, said
- O4:37PM $\,4\,$ something, not quoting him exactly, but that it was easy to
- 04:37PM 5 split Maverick County under their C185 because the population of
- 6 Maverick County was only 1,000. Of course, we later found out
- 04:37PM / that was an error, and then he picked up about 16,000, and then
- 04:37PM 8 I think Ms. Morales (sic) -- I'm sorry, Ms. Perales had told the
- **04:37PM** 9 Court it was about 27,000.
- 04:37PM 10 It's been cleared up now that we know, and you're the
- 04:37PM $oxed{I}$ county judge, is the population of Maverick County over 54,000?
- 04:37PM 12 A. Yes, sir, it is. It's over 54,000.
- 04:37PM 13 Q. Okay. What is the new -- are you -- the average citizen
- O4:37PM 14 of voting age population of Maverick County is approximately how
- **04:37PM** 15 many?
- 04:37PM 10 A. How many people are registered to vote? Is that what
- 04:38PM 17 you're asking me?
- 04:38PM 18 Q. Yes
- 04:38PM 19 A. I'm sorry. About 26,000 people.
- 04:38PM 20 Q. Okay. The history of Maverick County, ever since you've
- O4:38PM 21 known all your life, has it ever been divided into two
- 04:38PM 22 Congressional districts?
- 04:38PM 23 A. No.
- 04:38PM 24 Q. Has it always been one Congressional district
- 04:38PM 25 representing the citizens of Maverick County?

- 04:38PM $\hat{\mathbf{I}}$ A. Yes, sir.
- 04:38PM \angle MR. VERA: Okay. Can I see C185. I have to push a
- 04:38PM $\,^3$ button, okay. Can you bring down more, just Maverick County.
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 m 4}$ There you go.
- **04:38PM 5** BY MR. VERA:
- 04:38PM 6 Q. Look at the screen in front of you. Do you see Maverick
- 04:38PM / County there under -- is that C185? Do you see Maverick County?
- 04:38PM **8 A.** Yes, I do.
- 9 Q. It's the -- do you see the gray that says 28 and, of
- O4:39PM 10 course, the 23 under C185? What has C185 done to Maverick
- **04:39PM** II County?
- 04:39PM 12 A. C185 has literally split Maverick County right down the
- 04:39PM 13 middle. If you look at that road, it's Highway 277, that is
- 04:39PM 14 actually a Main Street and Eagle Pass also. Eagle Pass is the
- 04:39PM 15 county seat of Maverick County.
- 04:39PM 16 Q. I mean, it splits it even straight down the middle of
- 04:39PM 17 Eagle Pass, doesn't it?
- 04:39PM 18 A. Yes, sir, straight down the center.
- 04:39PM 19 Q. Okay. Now, economically in the State of Texas and the
- $04:39PM \ 20$ United States, how is Maverick County doing? What is Maverick
- 04:39PM 21 County's economic condition?
- 04:39PM 22 A. Unfortunately, it's one of the poorest counties in the
- 04:39PM 23 United States.
- 04:39PM 24 Q. As county judge, what is your daily struggle?
- 04:39PM 25 A. I think economic opportunities for our citizens is

- 04:43PM I had to come back and sat down. You could be sitting in a room
- 04:43PM 2 with community leaders, other elected officials that you may not
- 04:43PM 3 necessarily get along with. You may not really like that
- 04:43PM 4 individual next to you and, you know, they may have run against
- 04:43PM 5 you in some prior campaign, but one thing that we learned was
- 04:43PM O that we always needed to vote it as a bloc. And we've needed to
- 04:43PM / do this and we've done it in the last 12 years where we've come
- 04:43PM 8 out and done this because that's the only way we can get
- 04:43PM 9 anything done in Maverick County.
- 04:43PM 10 By splitting it in half you're going to dilute any
- 04:43PM \prod strength that we would have had or any voice that we would have
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 m 04:43PM}$ 12 had at state level or at a federal level.
- 04:43PM 13 Q. Now, CD23 has always been a swing district; is that
- 04:44PM m I4 correct? Is that how it's defined, the entire Congressional
- 04:44PM I 5 district?
- 04:44PM 16 A. It's considered a swing district.
- 04:44PM 17 Q. Right. It could be republican, swing to democrat and
- 04:44PM 18 swing back to republican. And that's been the history of
- O4:44PM 19 Congressional district 23 for some time?
- 04:44PM 20 **A.** Yes
- 04:44PM 21 Q. Okay. Now, they've taken half of the Maverick County
- 04:44PM 22 under this plan and thrown it into Congressional District 28,
- $04:44\text{PM}\ 23$ which is Congressman Henry Cuellar. What do you know about
- 04:44PM 24 Congressional District 28 as far as the makeup of Latinos in
- 04:44PM 25 that district?

- 04:44PM $\,^3$ be Webb County, which is Laredo. It's already -- it's already a
- 04:44PM $\,^4$ minority district. The 23rd is the --
- 04:44PM 5 Q. Would you agree, it's packed by over 80 percent?
- 04:44PM O A. I would -- I would say that it's packed.
- 04:44PM 7 Q. It's what we called a packed district, right?
- 04:44PM & A. Yes. I --
- 04:44PM 9 MR. HUGHES: Your Honor, I object to the leading.
- O4:44PM 10 JUDGE COLLYER: It is leading. Please try not to lead
- 04:44PM I your witness.
- 04:44PM 12 MR. VERA: I apologize, Your Honor.
- 04:45PM 13 THE WITNESS: I would venture to say that the way I look
- 04:45PM 14 at the -- that district, and what we were able to accomplish in
- $04:45 PM \ 15$ Maverick County in the 23rd District, is one of the things that
- O4:45PM 16 the leaders learned was that we had the opportunity to determine
- $04:45 {\sf PM}$ ${\sf I}'$ the outcome of who the representative would be at a Congressional
- 04:45PM 18 level.
- 04:45PM 19 BY MR. VERA:
- 04:45PM **Q.** Are you familiar with the -- at any election, as far as
- O4:45PM $21\,$ you can go back in regards to Congressional District 23, by how
- 04:45PM 22 many votes does the new congressman or past congressman come out
- 04:45PM 23 ahead when they win, whether it be democrat or republican?
- 04:45PM 24 A. Recent history, anywhere from 8- to 9,000 votes.
- $04:45PM \ 25 \ Q.$ The maximum?